

**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGY**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2002  
6606 West Broad Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room 2  
Richmond, Virginia 23230**

**Department of Health Professions  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Legislative/Regulatory Committee of Virginia Board Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESIDING:** Michael Ridenhour, Au.D., Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles M. Johnson, III, M.D.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Julie Farrar-Hersch  
Elizabeth Marshall

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Young, Executive Director  
Vickie Hutson-McCloud, Administrative Staff Assistant

**OTHER PRESENT:** Gail Jaspen, Chief Deputy Director of DHP  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst of DHP  
Dr. Robert Hinkle, James Madison University  
Dr. Brenda Ryals, James Madison University  
Dr. Roger Ruth, James Madison University

**QUORUM:** With 2 members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No requests were received.

**AUD PROGRAMS:** Dr. Robert Hinkle, Dr. Brenda Ryals, and Dr. Roger Ruth provided information about the clinical Ph.D. program at James Madison University. The program is a four-year program progressing from the bachelor degree to the doctoral degree. By the end of the third year, 90 credit hours and 500 to 700 contact hours have been obtained by the student. The fourth year of study is a full year of clinical fellowship. In the program, no master's degree is conferred, but the student has obtained over the number of credits hours required to obtain a master's degree. The Committee discussed that most of the AUD programs are very similar. The Committee voted to recommend the following to the Board:

To amend 18 VAC 30-20-170 (B.1) of the Regulations of

the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to read:

B. Holds a master's degree, or equivalent as determined by the Board or a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university whose audiology and speech-language pathology program is accredited by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association or an equivalent accrediting body:

**LICENSURE PRIOR TO  
CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP  
YEAR:**

The Committee discussed the current regulation of licensure prior to the clinical fellowship year. The Committee also discussed public protection issues of licensing individuals prior to a clinical fellowship. Residency within the medical profession was provided as an example of a temporary license prior to final examination and including a training program. The Committee requested the Executive Director to seek an opinion from Board counsel regarding 54.1-2603 and if it allows the Board to create a temporary license occupation.

Also, the Committee voted to recommend to the Board to support a new notice of regulatory action to establish a temporary license occupation. The Committee recommended that the license only exist for 12 months after the completion of the coursework required for completion of a Master's degree and prior to completion of residency (meaning a fellowship year) requirement. There would be only one renewal period of an additional 12 months.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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Michael Ridenhour, Au.D., Chair

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Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

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